

By Mr. FORBES:

H.R. 2924. A bill to expedite the deployment of highway construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GERLACH (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 2925. A bill to establish a smart card pilot program under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOWDY (for himself and Mr. MULVANEY):

H.R. 2926. A bill to abolish the National Labor Relations Board and to transfer its enforcement authority to the Department of Justice and its oversight of elections to the Office of Labor-Management Standards of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas:

H.R. 2927. A bill to give priority to local and State artists when selecting appropriate artwork for Federal buildings; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 2928. A bill to provide relief to the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada for settlement of certain claims against the United States; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LABRADOR (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON):

H.R. 2929. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide an exception to that Act for actions carried out against grizzly bears in self-defense, defense of others, or a reasonable belief of imminent danger; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. McHENRY:

H.R. 2930. A bill to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 2931. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to eliminate the statutory cap on the public debt and to place limitations on the purposes for which public debt may be issued; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PENCE:

H.R. 2932. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POLIS:

H.R. 2933. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to remove the exclusion from Federal copyright of sound recordings fixed before February 15, 1972; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. ROYCE):

H.R. 2934. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of certain retirement plan contributions picked up by governmental employers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky:

H.J. Res. 79. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently

determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. CARNAHAN, Ms. LEE, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CLAY, Ms. HAHN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CLARKE of Michigan, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H. Con. Res. 78. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida:

H. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Libya's frozen assets be utilized to pay for NATO's military campaign; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. HULTGREN:

H.R. 2910.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. GOHMERT:

H.R. 2911.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution Article I Section 8 Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes...

U.S. Constitution—Amendment XVI

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 2912.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution, "the House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States." As described in Article 1, Section 1 "all legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress." I was elected in 2010 to serve in the 112th Congress as certified by the Secretary of State of Washington state.

Article III, Section 2 states that the Supreme Court has "the judicial power" that "shall extend to all cases, in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States." Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that the Supreme Court is the supreme law of the land when stating "The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court."

The power of judicial review of the Supreme Court was upheld in *Marbury v Madison* in 1803, giving the Supreme Court the authority to strike down any law it deems unconstitutional. Members of Congress, having been elected and taken the oath of office, are given the authority to introduce legislation and only the Supreme Court, as established by the Constitution and precedent, can determine the Constitutionality of this authority.

By Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado:

H.R. 2913.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The power of Congress to make law regarding the compensation for the services of Senators and Representatives, as enumerated in Article I, Section 6, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, as amended by the 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 2914.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

By Mr. McCLINTOCK:

H.R. 2915.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 1 and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States of America.

By Mr. CULBERSON:

H.R. 2916.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Tenth Amendment, Constitution of the United States

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H.R. 2917.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Tenth Amendment, Constitution of the United States

By Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN:

H.R. 2918.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

(The Constitutional authorities cited in our Committee reports on legislation during the past several years are highlighted on the other side of this page.

The overwhelming majority have cited "article I, section 8 of the Constitution."

A handful had slightly more specific citations to "article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution."

A couple bills with trade/sanctions components have cited "article I, section 8, clauses 3 and 18 of the Constitution."

And one anti-trafficking bill (with significant domestic law enforcement components) cited "article I, section 8 of the Constitution and the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution."

The one consistent exception is Resolutions of Inquiry, which always cite "article I, section 1 of the Constitution.")

By Mr. BACHUS:

H.R. 2919.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clause 1 (relating to the general welfare of the United States).

By Mr. CLARKE of Michigan:

H.R. 2920.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 2921.